

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AMITE RIVER BASIN DRAINAGE & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Location: 3535 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Suite 135, Baton Rouge, LA 70816

July 19, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT DURING ROLL CALL: Edwin Parker, David Hoover, Lionel Bailey, Jack Harris, Douglas Hillensbeck, James Little, Angela Machen, Richard St. Pierre, Don Thompson, Kenneth Welborn

MEMBERS ABSENT: Felicia Lee

VACANT SEAT: East Feliciana Parish, St. Helena Parish

ALSO, PRESENT: ARBC Executive Director Dietmar Rietschier, ARBC Executive Secretary Toni Guitrau, ARBC Legal Counsel Larry Bankston

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Parker.
2. Roll Call (see above).
3. Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Public Comments on Agenda Items: None
5. Minutes

The Board unanimously approved a motion by St. Pierre, second by Bailey to approve the June 2022 regular meeting minutes.

6. Financial Statements

Bailey presented to the Board the June 2022 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Hoover, second by Thompson to approve the June 2022 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.

7. Executive Director Report

- Rietschier reported the following from DOTD – CRDC Project:
 - a. Real Estate Status-84 Acquired: 1 additional parcel requested.
 - b. Utility Relocations Status – Proceeding according to schedule except for Florida Gas.
 - c. Bridges: LA 964-bridge contract has been awarded.
CMAR LA 67-bridge designed, completed and construction contract executed.
CMAR LA 19 bridge designs completed and construction contract under review.
- Other
 - Coastal Use Permit, Amite River Diversion Canal Weir (PZ0170116/6/28/2017):
ARBC received a request on 7/19/22 to transfer this permit to the Ponchartrain Levee District. ARBC was informed that records show the permit is currently in ARBC's name but this needs to be confirmed. As not to hold up the project, Hoover motioned, seconded by Thompson to approve the transfer contingent upon Bankston researching the legality of it, considering it was transferred to Livingston Parish in 2020.
YEAS: David Hoover, James Little, Richard St. Pierre, Don Thompson,
Kenneth Welborn

NAYS: Bailey

ABSTAIN: Parker, Harris, Hillensbeck, Machin

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- Comite Clearing and Snagging: The overhead flight was completed. CSRS is identifying blockages. They will run H&H models and determine if there are any negative impacts. Access points will be identified and a Benefit Cost Analysis will be performed on the project. ARBC may have a report within 2 months. Bankston said that in regard to access, ARBC has statutory authority to give rights of entry onto private property to do engineering work. ARBC would have to pay for barges to get that material off.
 - Flood Inundation Map – Jacobsen finished drafting the Revised Profiles for the major streams in all 11 sub-basins.
8. ARBC Legal Counsel
- Live Streaming:
Once new ARBC board members are seated in January 2023, they will put a plan in place to live stream ARBC board meetings.
9. Old Business: None
10. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

APPROVED:

/s/ Edwin Parker, ARBC President
Date: 8/16/22

/s/ Toni B. Guitrau, Executive Secretary